its growing foreign exchange business with a view to providing efficient and "on line" services to its customers at major centres. Bank's own staff has been drafted for posting at these centres and no dealers from outside have been recruited by the bank. According to SBI even after setting up of Dealing Rooms at these centres, the cover operations, accounts and reconciliation work relating to foreign exchange business continues to be centralised at Foreign Department, Calcutta.

SBI has further reported that keeping in view the phenomenal growth in foreign exchange business, opening of dealing rooms by SBI is not likely to result in any reduction in the bank's employment potentiality in West Bengal.

Supply of Application forms to Freedom Fighters

3775. SHRI N. E. BALARAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether application forms etc. were sent to veteran freedom fighters who had not applied and whose names were announced by the Ministry ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

(c) the number of those who have submitted the forms etc ;

(d) the number of those to whom freedom fighters pension is being paid ; and

(e) whether they are also being given free railway journey facilities like other freedom fighters ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) to (d) The Government had announced to grant *Suo-Moto* pension to 97 eminent freedom fighters. They were not required to apply. Out of these, pension was sanctioned in 61 cases. 19 persons were already in receipt of the pension. 10 eminent freedom fighters have refused to accept the *Suo-Moto* pension. 3 freedom fighters have died. One freedom fighter desired to donate his pension to Mother Teresa. Orders could not be issued in regard to 3 other freedom fighters for want of their addresses. The concerned State Governments have been requested to send their full addresses.

(e) *Suo-Moto* pensioners are also entitled for free First Class Railway Complimentary Card Passes as is the case with freedom fighters receiving Central Pension.

Freedom Fighters Cases Recommended by Members of Parliament

3776. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that freedom fighters cases forwarded and recommended by Members of Parliament are not followed up for final reply ;

(b) if so, the number of freedom fighters cases from Uttar Pradesh forwarded by Members of Parliament which are awaiting final replies ; and

(c) how long it will take to attend to the cases forwarded by Members of Parliament ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) No Sir.

(b) From 1-1-1988 to 31-7-1988, 207 letters from U.P. Members of Parliament were received and 118 cases have been disposed of.

(c) It is not possible to fix a time limit for disposal of such cases as in many cases reports from State Governments have also to be obtained.